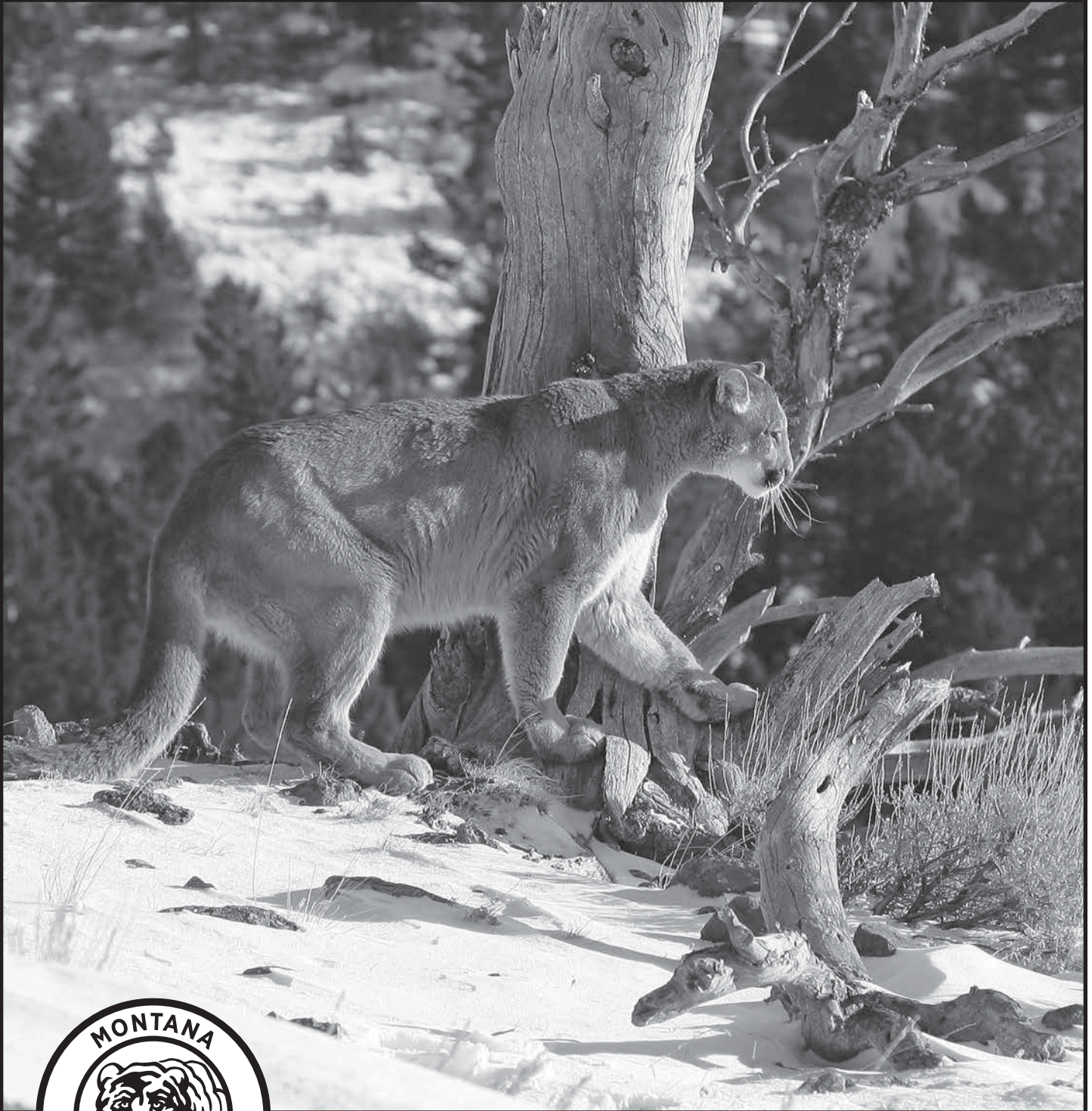


2018

MOUNTAIN LION

FWP Montana Hunting Regulations



Mountain lion | *Puma concolor*

Apply for General Licenses, Special Licenses, and SuperTags Online: fwp.mt.gov

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Regulations Adopted by F&W Commission

These regulations are adopted under the authority granted to the Fish & Wildlife Commission (F&W Commission) in MCA 87-1-301 and 2018 licenses are valid March 1, 2018, through April 14, 2019. These regulations were adopted by the F&W Commission on February 15, 2018, and license quota numbers are adopted by the F&W Commission on June 14, 2018. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Martha Williams, Director.

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What's New & Reminders

What's New

- Quota changes in Regions 3 and 5.

Reminders

- A General Mountain Lion License purchased after August 31 may not be used until five days after the license is issued. This license may be purchased at FWP offices, at License Providers or online.
- Deadline to apply for Special Mountain Lion License drawing is August 9.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will be eligible to purchase only a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License which is valid statewide in the Archery Only Season, in any open district during the Fall Season Without Dogs, in any open district during the Late Winter Season (Feb 01 – Apr 14) in Region 2 and in the Missoula Special Management Area.
- Late Winter Season (Feb 01 - Apr 14) in Region 2 for General Mountain Lion License holders. See page 8 for details.
- Even though the 2018 Mountain Lion season extends into the 2019 license year, the deadline to purchase 2018 licenses is February 28, 2019.
- Base Hunting License required for submitting applications as well as for the first hunting license purchase.

Licensing – Residency

It is unlawful to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

License Chart

The following 2018 licenses, for the purpose of mountain lion hunting, chasing and/or resident hound training, are valid March 1, 2018 through the dates listed in these regulations and subject to quota closures. A hunter may purchase only one mountain lion license per year.

LICENSE	REQUIREMENT(S)	COST
Conservation	Required prerequisite and must be carried while hunting or chasing lions.	\$8 Resident \$10 Nonresident
Base Hunting License	Annual fee charged at the time the hunter applies for or purchases his/her first hunting license per license year.	\$10 Resident \$15 Nonresident
General Mountain Lion	A General Mountain Lion License purchased after August 31 may not be used until five days after the license is issued. Available to resident and nonresident Conservation License holders 12 years of age (by January 16, 2019) or older. See Youth Hunting Opportunities. Purchase by February 28, 2019.	\$19 Resident \$320 Nonresident
Bow and Arrow (Archery)	A Bow and Arrow License, plus the proper hunting license, is required during mountain lion Archery Only Season or to archery hunt mountain lion in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.	\$10 Resident \$10 Nonresident
General Trapper, Resident	Available to resident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older. Purchase by Feb 28, 2019. Required to hunt or chase bobcat. Deadline for bobcat validation is November 30, 2018. See the Trapping Regulations for details.	\$20 Resident
Resident Hound Training	Available to resident Conservation License holders 11 years of age or older. See Youth Hunting Opportunities.	\$5 Resident Only
Special Mountain Lion License (Nonrefundable Application Fee)	Over-the-counter or mailed applications must be received by FWP no later than 5:00pm on August 9. Online applications (http://fwp.mt.gov) must be completed by 11:45 p.m. MDT on August 9. NOTE: successful applicants must purchase a Special Mountain Lion License by February 28, 2019.	<u>Application fee:</u> \$5 Resident \$5 Nonresident <u>License cost:</u> \$19 Resident \$320 Nonresident
Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License	Only available to unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License. Eligible hunters will receive a letter with purchase details.	\$19 Resident \$320 Nonresident

Resident

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, as per MCA 87-2-102, you must:
 - claim Montana as your principal or primary home or place of abode.
 - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
 - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
 - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
 - not possess current (or have applied for any) resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
 - file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card.

- If your MDL or MIC has been issued for less than six months, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose.

Youth Hunting Opportunities

A resident or nonresident youth who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2019, may hunt any game species for which their license is valid, after August 15, 2018. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

In order to carry or use a firearm for any reason, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the youth, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, MCA 45-8-344.

Hunter Education Requirements

Firearm and Archery Education Requirements

– If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course (or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province) prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

- Montana law requires members of the armed forces and their dependents stationed in Montana to present a Montana hunter education certificate or similar certificate from any state or province when purchasing any Montana hunting license.
- Duplicates – Montana certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website.

Bowhunter Education Requirements

– To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow License, a hunter must:

- Provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
- Provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province.

Hunters with a Disability

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact:



MonteTech at the University of Montana Rural Institute,
9 McGill Hall,
Missoula, MT 5982
(406) 243-5751

<http://montech.ruralinstitute.utm.edu/>

Definitions

Chase – To go after or on the track of.

Hunting District – Represents a hunting district OR group of hunting districts as specified under "Mountain Lion Hunting District Regulations".

Legal Female Mountain Lion – Any female mountain lion not accompanied by kittens with spots. No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Legal Male Mountain Lion – Any male mountain lion without body spots.

Open Hunting District – A hunting district not closed to harvest.

Valid License – A current license year license. A valid license may be used to chase even after a mountain lion has been harvested.

Licensing – General Information and Procedures

- In most of Region 1, resident mountain lion hunting during the Winter Season will be only by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available.
- In most Region 2 districts, mountain lion hunting during the early portion of the Winter Season (Dec 01 – Jan 31) will be only by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available. General Mountain Lion License holders may hunt during the Late Winter Season (Feb 1 – Apr 14) until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.
- In the Missoula Special Management Area within Region 2:
 - **Resident** mountain lion hunting only by General License under a harvest quota. Exception: Special Mountain Lion License holders may hunt mountain lion in the Missoula Special Management Area during the Archery Only and Fall mountain lion seasons.
 - **Nonresident** mountain lion hunting only by Special Mountain Lion License and limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the district quota.
- In Regions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, all hunting districts are quota-based with a General License for residents and nonresidents.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will be eligible to purchase only a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License valid statewide in any open districts during the Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs, valid in open districts in Region 2 during the Late Winter Season (Feb 1 – Apr 14), and valid (residents only) in the Missoula Special Management Area.
- Unsuccessful resident applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License may purchase a Resident Hound Training License to only chase during the hound training season December 2 - April 14 in any valid hunting district statewide.

General Mountain Lion License

- A General Mountain Lion License is available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers, online at <http://fwp.mt.gov>, or by mail.
 - A General Mountain Lion License purchased after August 31 may not be used until five days after the license is issued.
 - Applications are available at all FWP Regional and Area offices or may be downloaded from the FWP website at <http://fwp.mt.gov>.
- During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a General Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district, even if the district is a Special Mountain Lion License district during the Winter Season.
- During the Winter Season a General Mountain Lion License is valid in all hunting districts with a harvest quota (excluding Special Mountain Lion License areas).

- During the Late Winter Season (Feb 01 - Apr 14) a General Mountain Lion License is valid in all hunting districts that have not reached the harvest quota.
- Nonresidents require a valid mountain lion license (General or Special) to harvest, handle dogs or chase mountain lions.

Special Mountain Lion License

- A limited number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses are available only through a special drawing. Apply by August 9.
- Applicants must possess a current year Conservation License and a Base Hunting License to apply for a Special Mountain Lion License.
- Bonus points will be offered for Special Mountain Lion License applications.
- Nonresidents are limited to no more than 10% of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses offered.
- A Special Mountain Lion License may be applied for:
 - online at <http://fwp.mt.gov> no later than 11:45 p.m. MDT on August 9, **or**
 - over-the-counter at any FWP regional office, FWP area office, and/or the Helena Headquarters no later than 5 p.m. MDT August 9, **or**
 - by mail. Mailed applications must include the \$5 nonrefundable drawing fee and must be received by FWP Helena Headquarters no later than 5 p.m. MDT August 9. Applications are available at all FWP regional and area offices or may be downloaded from the FWP website at <http://fwp.mt.gov>.
- Drawing results will be available during or after August 20.
- Successful Special Mountain Lion License applicants will be notified by mail and must purchase a mountain lion license no later than February 28, 2019.
- During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district.
- During the Winter Season, a Special Mountain Lion License may be used only in a specific hunting district, portion of the hunting district, or a group of hunting districts for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid.

Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License

- In most Region 2 districts, mountain lion hunting during the early portion of the Winter Season (Dec 01 – Jan 31) will be only by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available. Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License holders may hunt during the Late Winter Season (Feb 1 – Apr 14) until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will be eligible to purchase only a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License, valid statewide in the Archery Only Season, in any open districts during the Fall Season Without Dogs, the Late Winter Season (Feb 1 – Apr 14) in Region 2 and in the Missoula Special Management Area.

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- Unsuccessful resident applicants for Special Mountain Lion Licenses may purchase a Resident Hound Training License to only chase mountain lion and/or bobcat during the hound training season in any valid mountain lion hunting district statewide December 2 – April 14.

Resident Hound Training License (RHTL)

- Available to resident Conservation License holders.
- Entitles the license holder to use a dog or dogs to aid in chasing mountain lions and/or bobcat in all valid mountain lion hunting districts in the state, except HD 282, during the hound training season from December 2 – April 14 per MCA 87-2-521.
- A person may not kill a mountain lion or bobcat with only a RHTL. To kill a mountain lion, you must hold a mountain lion license. To kill a bobcat, you must hold a Trapping License purchased and validated for bobcat by November 30.
- A resident hunter with a valid mountain lion license is not required to have a Resident Hound Training License to chase mountain lion.

SuperTag Lottery for Mountain Lion

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of \$5 chances per species by June 28 to win a Montana hunting license for a mountain lion as well as antelope, bison, deer, elk, moose, sheep and goat.
- Each SuperTag license allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via <http://fwp.mt.gov> online services.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information visit FWP's website at <http://fwp.mt.gov>.

License and Permit Possession and Use

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt for any game animal unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- Refuse to produce a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a game warden.
- Alter or change a license in any material manner.
- Loan or transfer any license to another person.
- Use a license issued to another person.
- Attach the person's license to a game animal killed by another person.
- Have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit; this prohibition does not apply to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.

Lawful Methods of Hunting Mountain Lion

As a game animal, mountain lions may only be taken by hunting (firearms or archery).

- Firearms, including rifles, handguns, shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs, and muzzleloaders; archery equipment; and crossbows are lawful for taking game animals. All other methods of take are prohibited.
- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation or magazine/round capacity restrictions for the taking of game animals.
- Rifle scopes with illuminated reticles, built-in range finding capabilities, and "red dot" scopes are lawful for the taking of game animals.

Archery Equipment

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of game animals.
- The following criteria define Archery Equipment. It is unlawful to possess, while hunting game during any Archery Only Season and in Archery Equipment Only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:

Hunting Bow: A hunting bow for game animals shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.

- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.

- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.

Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.

- A bow is considered legal if it is at least 28 inches in total length.
- The nominal percent of let-off for hunting

bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent as advertised by the manufacturer.

Arrow: An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.

- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges and be at least 7/8 inches at the widest point. Expandable broadheads are legal as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.
- Arrows equipped with lighted nocks are allowed.

The following are not considered a hunting bow or legal archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an Archery Equipment Only area or hunting district:

- Crossbow.
- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
- Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow or arrow except for lighted nocks.
- A bow sight or arrow which uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics. **Exception:** an arrow may have a lighted nock.

Unlawful Methods of Hunting Mountain Lion

Aerial Spotting

- It is unlawful for a person to shoot a game animal from an aircraft.
- It is unlawful for a person to use an aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game animal.
- Aircraft may not be used to locate game animals for the purpose of:
 - Hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne or;
 - Providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne.

Artificial Light

It is unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light. Use of rifle scopes that project an artificial light to illuminate the target or project infra-red light visible only with specialized optics to illuminate the target are unlawful for the taking of game animals.

Baiting

- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

Bobcat and Lynx

Nonresidents may not take bobcats. Lynx are listed as a federally threatened species and there is no open season. It is a violation of both state and federal law to knowingly chase lynx with dogs.

Motion-Tracking Devices

It is unlawful for a person, while hunting, to possess any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter. A radio-tracking collar attached to a dog that is used by a hunter engaged in lawful hunting activities is not considered an unlawful motion-tracking device.

Motorized Vehicles

It is unlawful for anyone to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. To be lawful, a hunter must have two feet on the ground and his/her body outside of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle (PTHFV) are the exception to this.
- Use a motorized vehicle or aircraft to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game animals.
- Operate, on public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All Federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.
- Use of a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land.
- Use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.
- Use a powerboat, sailboat, or any boat under sail or any floating device towed by a powerboat, sailboat, or any boat under sail for the purpose of killing, capturing, taking, pursuing, concentrating, driving, or stirring up any game animal.

Night Vision Equipment and Thermal Imaging Equipment

Enhanced penalties apply for use of night vision equipment to unlawfully take a game animal.

Public Roadways

It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is

open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel).

Recorded Animal Sounds

It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by State or Federal law.

Two-way Communication

Two-way electronic communication (radios, cell phones, text messages, etc.) may not be used to:

- Hunt game animals ("Hunt" means to "pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture").
- Avoid game checking stations or FWP enforcement personnel, or to facilitate unlawful activity.
- When hunting mountain lions or bobcats with dogs, this rule applies when dogs are placed, or physically released, on tracks or a scent trail.

The rule does not prohibit the possession or use of two-way communication for safety or other legitimate purposes.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for the purposes of hunting is prohibited.

General Regulations

Check Stations

All hunters are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

Furbearer Traps

- It is unlawful to disturb traps or trapped animals. Traps and trapped animals are the property of the trap owner.
- Hunters may not shoot trapped animals.

Glandular Scents

- Natural or artificial glandular scents may be used by licensed hunters to attract game animals by spraying or pouring the scent on the ground or other objects.
- Hunters may not create a scent station where the scent continues to be dispensed without the hunter's direct action, such as an automatic device, which drips or otherwise continues to dispense scent.
- No scents other than glandular may be used for attracting game animals, but other scents may be used to mask human odor.

Hunter Harassment

It is unlawful to:

- Intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of a wild animal.
- Disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking of the animal.

Hunting Hours

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 15.

Hunter Orange Requirement

Firearm Hunters

Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times (see exception below).

Archery Hunters

A licensed bowhunter pursuing deer, elk and/or antelope during the Archery Only Season or in an archery only hunting district is not required to meet the hunter orange requirement, even if there is a concurrent firearm season in that hunting district or portion of district. However, bowhunters hunting during any portion of the general (firearm) season for deer, elk, antelope, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, black bear, and/or mountain lion must always wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) above the waist, visible at all times.

Incidental Harvest Resulting in an Unlawfully Taken Animal

If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an unlawfully taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

> Hunters should field dress the animal but **DO NOT** transport the animal until you've received instructions.

Inspection of Wildlife

Wildlife taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is unlawful for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

Kill Site Verification

As a condition of hunting in Montana, if requested to do so by an FWP warden, you are required to return to the kill site.

Littering

A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes, while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current Montana hunting, fishing, or trapping license and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in Montana for a period of one year.

Marked or Radio-Collared Animals

It is lawful to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs)

Residents – OHVs (ATV, UTV, Dirtbike) must be registered and display a current Off-Highway decal to be used for off-road recreation on public lands (trails, frozen lakes, reservoirs). To be used on roads (County, Forest Service, etc.), an OHV must have a license plate and street-legal modifications. Register your OHV with the County Treasurer.

Nonresidents – OHVs from another state must purchase a nonresident permit to operate (anywhere) in Montana. Idaho and North Dakota residents are exempt. Permits are good for one calendar year, cost \$27 and can be purchased from local vendors (stateparks.mt.gov, OHV Program), at FWP offices or online at app.mt.gov/als. Contact Montana State Parks OHV Program at 406-444-3753 or smcarthur@mt.gov with questions.

Outfitters and Guides

- A person may not act as an outfitter or guide or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the person is an outfitter or guide without first securing a license.
- It is unlawful to engage in outfitting/guiding while not licensed.
- It is unlawful to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

Predators and Nongame Hunting

Predators and nongame species are unprotected by federal and/or state law or regulation and can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A Conservation License, or a State School Trust Lands Recreational Use License is required to hunt predators and nongame species on State School Trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predators and nongame species on private land.

- **Predators** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).
- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise lawfully classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dog.
- **Furbearers** are protected game species that may only be taken by residents with a valid Trapping License during prescribed open seasons. State classified furbearers include beaver, otter, muskrat, mink, marten, fisher, wolverine, bobcat, lynx, and swift fox.
- **Feral Swine** cause extensive damage to domestic and native habitats, wildlife, and livestock throughout much of the United States. To prevent the introduction of feral swine into Montana, the 2015 Legislature has prohibited the transportation, possession, and hunting of feral swine. If you see or know of any feral swine in Montana please contact the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-2043.

Simulated Wildlife

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute, ARM or F&W Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

Transport of Wildlife

- An individual other than the license holder may transport lawfully taken, properly tagged game animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements".
- It is unlawful to ship, possess, transport, or take out of state unlawfully killed game animals.
- It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an unlawfully taken game animal across state boundaries.
- If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between the United States and any foreign country, you must complete a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declaration form. For further information contact the USFWS Wildlife inspector at 406-335-4350 or www.fws.gov.
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.

Hunter Access

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

Fishing Access Sites

Many of Montana's Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at <https://myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore> for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

Montana State Parks

Some of Montana's State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at <http://stateparks.mt.gov> for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

Private Land Access – Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land.

- Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the land owner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property, regardless of whether the land is posted or not.
- Access to public land through private land requires permission of the private land owner, lessee, or their agent.
- Retrieval of all wildlife through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.

Public Land Access

- Public lands closed to hunting include:
 - National Parks and other areas administered by the National Park Service.
 - National Wildlife Refuge lands except those areas designated open to public hunting.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local Federal office.
- It is unlawful to post, place signs or mark state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.

Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are **private** property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

State Game Preserves

State Game Preserves may or may not be open to hunting. See Restricted Area Descriptions.

State School Trust Lands

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands.
- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a legal access point.
- Horses may not be kept on State School Trust Lands overnight.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits.
- Firearms may not be discharged within one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

FWP's Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the game animal hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

Exception: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 16 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at:

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/wma/>

Stream Access Law

The Stream Access Law does not allow for the hunting of game animals between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers without landowner permission.

Tribal Land

Hunting game animals by non-Tribal members on Indian Reservations is prohibited by the State of Montana unless it is provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana. Check with local Tribal Government before attempting to hunt on an Indian Reservation. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 16 for contact information.

mountain lion Archery Only Season or to archery hunt mountain lion in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.

- Use of dogs is prohibited during the Archery Only Season.
- The Archery Only Season for mountain lion will close:
 - With the end of the Archery Only Season or,
 - Earlier upon reaching a number nearest to 20% of the total quota or number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses in the district or management unit, or
 - When one mountain lion is taken in those districts or management units with a total harvest quota of less than five mountain lions or less than five Special Mountain Lion Licenses.
- When a district or management unit closes during the Archery Only Season, the Fall Season Without Dogs in that district will not open.
- In General License areas, the Archery Only Season harvest will be deducted from the district or management unit quota and subquota.
- In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the Archery Only Season male or female harvest will be deducted from that district's or management unit's respective male or female mountain lion subquota or quota.
- Reporting requirements are listed under "Procedures to Follow After Harvesting a Mountain Lion".
- Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens with spots may not be taken.
 - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Fall Season Without Dogs – October 20 - November 25, 2018

- Resident and nonresident hunters with either a General Mountain Lion License, a Special Mountain Lion License OR a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License may harvest any legal lion in any open district or management unit statewide during the Fall Season Without Dogs.
- Use of dogs is prohibited during the Fall Season.
- The Fall Mountain Lion Season will close:
 - With the end of the general deer/elk season or,
 - Earlier upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20% of the total quota or number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses in the district or management unit, or
 - When one mountain lion is taken in those districts or management units with a total harvest quota of less than five mountain lions or less than five Special Mountain Lion Licenses.
- In general license areas, the combined Archery Only Season harvest and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest will be deducted from the district or management unit quota and subquota.
- In Special Mountain Lion License areas,

the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs male and female mountain lion harvest will be deducted from the respective male or female mountain lion subquota or quota.

- Reporting requirements are listed under "Procedures to Follow Upon Harvesting a Mountain Lion".
- Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens with spots may not be taken.
 - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Winter Season – December 01, 2018 - April 14, 2019

- When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district or management unit will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- General Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion in any open General Mountain Lion License hunting district or management unit during the Winter Season.
- Special Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion only in the hunting district, portion of the district, or group of districts (management unit) for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season.
- Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens with spots may not be taken.
 - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Late Winter Season – February 01, 2019 - April 14, 2019

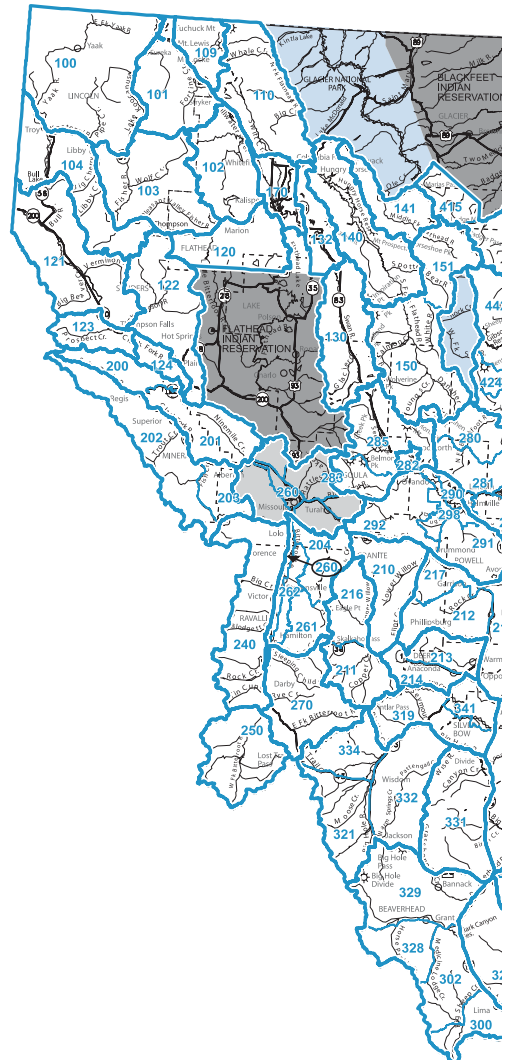
- General Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion in any open Region 2 General Mountain Lion License hunting district or management unit during the Late Winter Season. License holders must check the quota status before hunting in a Late Winter Season. The season will not open if Special Mountain Lion License holders fill the quota by February 1.
- Region 2 hunting districts or management units with Special Mountain Lion Licenses are open to Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License holders for this late portion of the Winter Season until the harvest quota is reached.
- When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- Special Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion only in the hunting district, portion of the district, or group of districts (management unit) for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season or Late Winter Season.

- Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens with spots may not be taken.
 - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Winter Season and Late Winter Season General License Harvest Quotas

- Mountain lion quotas fill quickly in some hunting districts or management unit so hunters should check harvest closure information frequently.
- When the subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- When the total quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice to the harvest of all mountain lions, but no later than April 14.
- The Fish & Wildlife Commission has authorized the department to initiate closure prior to reaching the total quota or subquota when conditions or

Mountain Lion Hunting District Map



circumstances indicate the total quota or subquota may be reached within the 24-hours closure notice period.

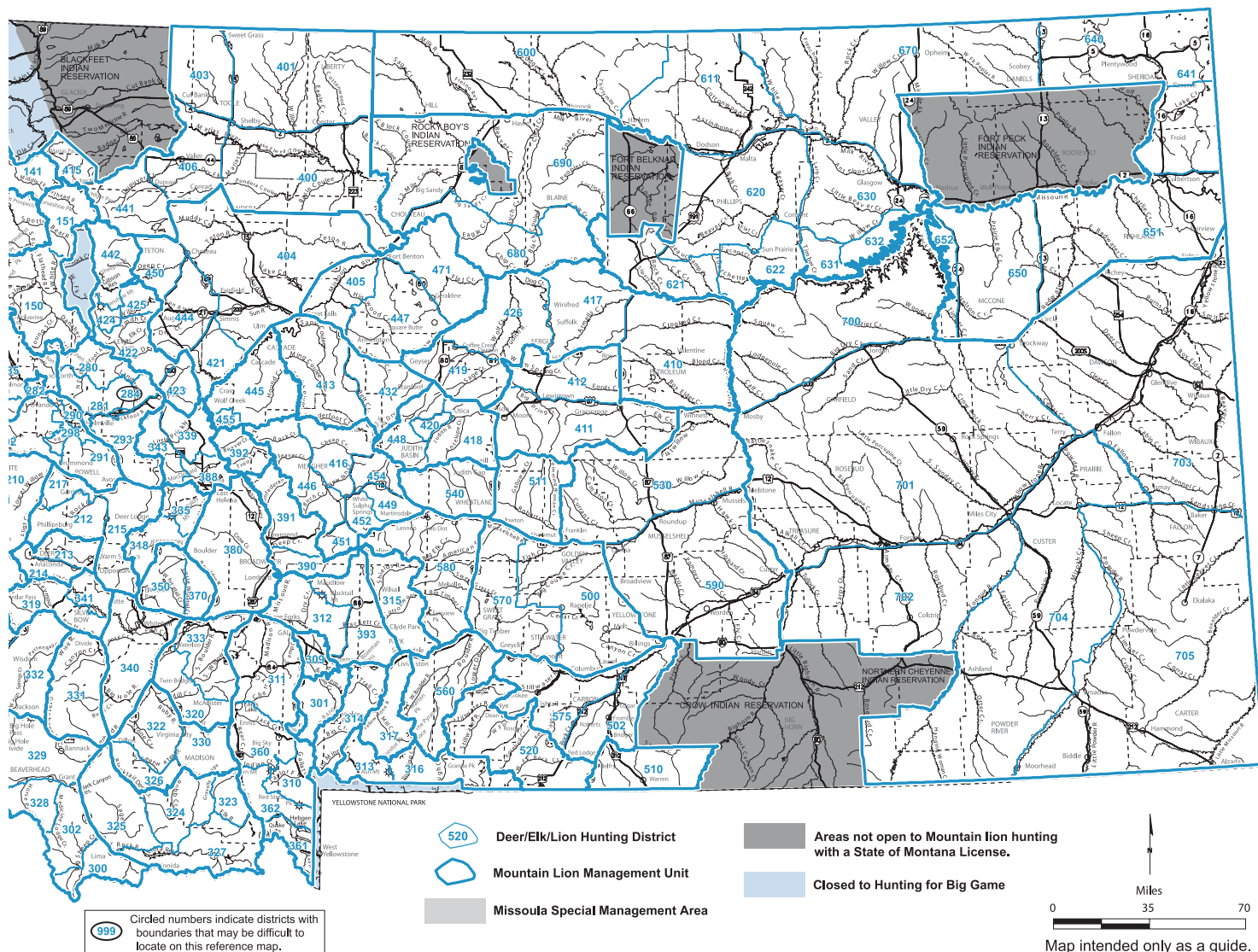
Hound Training Season – December 2, 2018 - April 14, 2019

- A hunter with a Resident Hound Training License may lawfully chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district or management unit statewide from December 2 - April 14.
- A hunter with a valid General Mountain Lion License, Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License may lawfully chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district or management unit statewide December 1 - April 14.
- A hunter with a valid General Mountain Lion License may lawfully harvest a mountain lion with dogs in any open general license hunting district or management unit during the Winter or Late Winter Seasons.
- A hunter with a valid Special Mountain Lion License may lawfully harvest a mountain lion with dogs only in the hunting district or management unit for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season. **Exceptions:** hunting districts 150 & 151 are open to

the use of dogs September 15 - April 14.

- A hunter with a valid Mountain Lion License may lawfully chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district or management unit statewide December 1 - April 14. **Exceptions:** hunting districts 150 & 151 are open to the use of dogs September 15 - April 14.
- A hunter with a valid Resident Hound Training License may lawfully chase mountain lions in any valid hunting district or management unit statewide December 2 - April 14. A person may not kill a mountain lion or bobcat with a Resident Hound Training License.
- Authorized **mountain lion hunting and chasing** hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset for the dates listed by hunting district or management unit.
- Authorized **bobcat hunting and bobcat chasing** begins one-half hour before sunrise and ends one-half hour after sunset.
- Nonresidents may not hunt or chase bobcat. Residents must possess a valid General Trapper License to hunt and chase bobcat or an RHTL to chase bobcats.

- Permission is required to release dogs or chase mountain lions on private land.
- It is prohibited for a dog owner or mountain lion hunter to release dogs on a mountain lion track, or allow dogs to chase a mountain lion, or hold a mountain lion at bay during any period of the day or year when the season is not open to hunting or chasing mountain lions. Legitimate attempts to retrieve loose dogs after legal hunting hours does not constitute a violation of this rule.
- Persons handling dogs in the field are required to:
 - Have a valid General Mountain Lion License if hunting or chasing, **or**
 - Have a valid Special Mountain Lion License if hunting or chasing, **or**
 - Have a Resident Hound Training License to only chase.
- Outfitters and guides will be eligible to handle hounds with only a valid Conservation License and a valid Montana outfitter or guide license in their possession. Guides will also be required to provide the license number of the outfitter on whose license they are guiding if required to do so by an FWP employee.



Mountain Lion Management Unit Regulations

Lion Management Unit NOTE: Units are based on deer/elk hunting districts. Some are combinations of 2 or more deer/elk hunting districts. Check status/closure at: fwp.mt.gov or 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989	Harvest Quotas for Hunting District or Management Unit			License that can be used in open management units				
	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female quota	Male quota	General Mountain Lion License or Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License		General Mountain Lion License	Special Mountain Lion License (apply by Aug 9)	
				Archery Only Season Sept 1-Oct 14	Fall Season Without Dogs - Oct 20-Nov 25	Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14 (Special License holders are restricted to the HD(s) on the license)		
				Combined Harvest Limit (20% of quota)*			Special License number (for application)	Special License quota
Region 1								
HD 100			12	5*			100-00	24
HD 101			5	2*			101-00	12
HD 102			5	2*			102-00	12
HD 103 NOTE: Libby Big game Archery Only Hunting Area restricted to ArchEquip Only.			7	2*			103-00	12
HD 104			7	2*			104-00	12
HD 109			4	2*			109-00	8
HD 110			4	2*			110-00	8
HD 120			4	2*			120-00	11
HD 121			8	4*			121-00	22
HD 122			5	3*			122-00	14
HD 123			3	1*			123-00	7
HD 124			2	1*			124-00	7
HD 130			5	3*			130-00	14
HD 132	10			2*		●		
HD 140	6			1*		●		
HD 141	6			1*		●		
HDs 150 &151	7			Archery Only Season Sept 1 -Sept 14 1*	Winter Season Sept 15-Apr 14	●		
HD 170 (Flathead Valley)	Unlimited			Unlimited (1 per hunter)		●		

* **Region 1:** During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a General License, a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district but the district will close when the harvest reaches a number nearest to 20% of the quota. Any male harvested with a General or Limited R2 General License during the Archery Only Season and/or Fall Season Without Dogs will be subtracted from the male subquota for Special Mountain Lion License holders but will not reduce the 'Any Legal Mountain Lion' quota for Special License holders.

Lion Management Unit <i>NOTE: Units are based on deer/elk hunting districts. Some are combinations of 2 or more deer/elk hunting districts.</i> Check status/closure at: fwp.mt.gov or 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989	Harvest Quotas for Hunting District or Management Unit			License that can be used in open management units								
	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female quota	Male quota	General Mountain Lion License or Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License		General Mountain Lion License	Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License	Special Mountain Lion License (apply by Aug 9)		General Mountain Lion License	Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License	
				Archery Only Season Sept 1-Oct 14	Fall Season Without Dogs - Oct 20-Nov 25			Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14 (Special License holders are restricted to the HD on the license)				Late Winter Season Feb 01 -Apr 14
				Combined Harvest Limit (20% of quota)*								Special License number (for application)
Region 2												
Missoula Special Mgmt Area - Residents Only (Portions of HDs 201, 203, 204, 260, 283 and 292. MSMA maps and legal descriptions are available at Missoula FWP office 406-542-5500.)		12	13	5*		•	•					
Missoula Special Mgmt Area - Non-Residents (Portions of HDs 201, 203, 204, 260, 283 and 292. MSMA maps and legal descriptions are available at Missoula FWP office 406-542-5500.)								201-00	2			
HDs 200 & 201 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area)		7	13	4*				200-00	20	•	•	
HDs 202 & 203 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area)		10	20	6*				202-00	30	•	•	
HD 210		1	3	1*				210-00	4	•	•	
HDs 211 & 216		3	5	2*				211-00	8	•	•	
HDs 212, 215 & 217		1	6	1*				212-00	7	•	•	
HDs 213 & 214		0	2	1*				213-00	2	•	•	
HDs 204, 260 261, & 262 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area).		1	4	1*				204-00	31	•	•	
HD 240		3	4	1*						•	•	
HD 250		3	5	2*						•	•	
HD 270		5	6	2*						•	•	
HDs 280, 281, 284, 293 & portion of 298 east of State Route 141		3	5	2*				280-00	8	•	•	
HD 282	Closed to all lion hunting (harvest and chase).											
HDs 283 & 285 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area)		4	7	2*				283-00	11	•	•	
HDs 290, 291, 292, & portion of 298 west of State Route 141 (excluding Missoula Special Mgmt Area)		3	7	2*				290-00	10	•	•	

* **Region 2:** During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a General License, a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district but the district will close when the harvest reaches a number nearest to 20% of the quota. In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the combined Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs male and female mountain lion harvest from all license holders will be deducted from the respective male or female mountain lion quotas.

Lion Management Unit NOTE: Units are based on deer/elk hunting districts. Some are combinations of 2 or more deer/elk hunting districts. Check status/ closure at: fwp.mt.gov or 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989	Harvest Quotas for Hunting District or Management Unit			License that can be used in open management units		
	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female subquota	Male subquota	General Mountain Lion License or Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License		General Mountain Lion License
				Archery Only Season Sept 1-Oct 14	Fall Season Without Dogs Oct 20-Nov 25	Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14
				Combined Harvest Limit (20% of quota)*		

Region 3

HDs 300, 302, 328, & 329	10	5		2*	•
HD 301	8	4		2*	•
HD 309 NOTE: See Restricted Area Descriptions page 9	5			1* Fall Season Without Dogs in HD 309 - Sept 1-Nov 25	•
HDs 310, 311, 360, 361 & 362 NOTE: Excluding Spanish Peaks portion of HD 311. See legal description.	10	3		2*	•
HD 311 - Spanish Peaks Portion	7			1*	•
HDs 312 & 393	9	4		2*	•
HDs 313 & 316	4	1		1*	•
HD 314	6	2		1*	•
HD 315	3	1		1*	•
HD 317	4	2		1*	•
HDs 318 & 335	6	2		1*	•
HDs 319 & 341	4	2		1*	•
HDs 320 & 333	4	1		1*	•
HDs 321, 332, & 334	3	1		1*	•
HDs 322, 326, & 330	7	2		1*	•
HDs 323, 324, 325, & 327	7	2		1*	•
HD 331	5	2		1*	•
HDs 339, 343, & 388 Note: See Restricted Area Descriptions page 9	8	2		2*	•
HD 340	3	1		1*	•
HDs 350, 370	4	1		1*	•
HD 380	5	2		1*	•
HDs 390 & 391	10	5		2*	•
HD 392	3	1		1*	•

* **Region 3:** Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female) and from the female subquota. The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20% of a district total quota.



Mountain Lion
Identification Course

The *Mountain Lion Identification Program* is a voluntary training program available to anyone who is interested in mountain lion ecology and/or who wants to hunt mountain lions.

The course:

- presents information about mountain lion biology;
- explains how to determine the gender of a mountain lion; and
- presents some of Montana's laws and regulations pertaining to mountain lion hunting.

For more information, go to <http://fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter/mountainLionID>

Lion Management Unit <i>NOTE: Units are based on deer/elk hunting districts. Some are combinations of 2 or more deer/elk hunting districts.</i> Check status/closure at: fwp.mt.gov or 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989	Harvest Quotas			License that can be used in open management units		
				General Mountain Lion License or Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License		General Mountain Lion License
	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female quota	Male quota	Archery Only Season Sept 1-Oct 14	Fall Season Without Dogs - Oct 20-Nov 25	Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14
				Combined Harvest Limit (20% of harvest quota)*		When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district(s), the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district(s) will close upon 24-hours notice.

Region 4

HDs 400, 401, 403, 406, 415 & 441		1	2	1*	•
HDs 404, 421, 444 & 450		3	3	1*	•
HDs 405, 447 & 471		3	4	1*	•
HDs 410, 417, 419 & 426		8	5	3*	•
HDs 411 & 412		8	5	3*	•
HDs 413 & 432		5	5	2*	•
HDs 416, 446, 449, 451, 452 & 454		7	6	3*	•
HDs 418, 420 & 448		4	4	2*	•
HDs 422, 423, 424, 425, & 442		5	8	3*	•
HDs 445 & 455		8	6	3*	•

* Regions 4: Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female). The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20% of a male or female quota.

Lion Management Unit <i>NOTE: Units are based on deer/elk hunting districts. Some are combinations of 2 or more deer/elk hunting districts.</i> Check status/closure at: fwp.mt.gov or 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989	Harvest Quotas			License that can be used in open management units		
				General Mountain Lion License or Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License or Special Mountain Lion License		General Mountain Lion License
	Any Legal Mountain Lion	Female subquota	Male subquota	Archery Only Season Sept 1-Oct 14	Fall Season Without Dogs - Oct 20-Nov 25	Winter Season Dec 01-Apr 14
				Combined Harvest Limit (20% of harvest quota)*		When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district(s), the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district(s) will close upon 24-hours notice.

Region 5

HDs 500 & 570	4			1*	•
HDs 502 & 575	4			1*	•
HD 510	4	2		1*	•
HD 511	4	2		1*	•
HD 520	5	2		1*	•
HDs 530 & 590	10			2*	•
HD 540	5	3		1*	•
HD 560	7	3		1*	•
HD 580	6	3		1*	•

Region 6

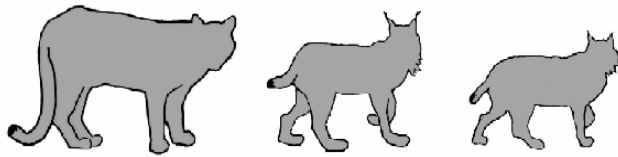
HDs 680 & 690	8	2		2*	•
Region 6 except HDs 680 & 690	4	2		1*	•

Region 7

All HDs in Region 7	45			9*	•
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* Regions 5, 6 & 7: Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female) and from the female subquota. The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20% of a district total quota.

Cat Identification



Mountain Lion

Lynx

Bobcat



32" - 44"



24" - 33"



3 3/4" - 4 3/4"

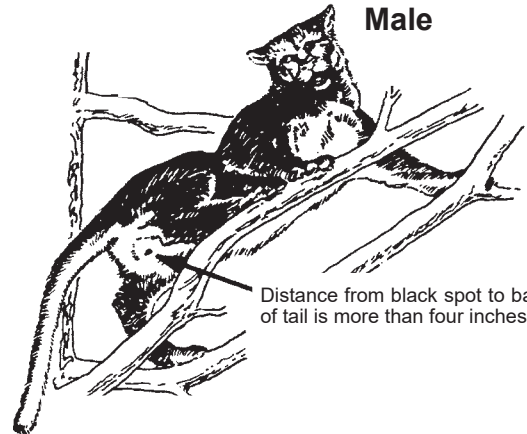


2 1/4"

- Note differences in tail length of mountain lion and black markings on tip of lynx and bobcat tails.
- Lynx ear tufts are longer than bobcat ear tufts.
- Mountain lion and lynx foot sizes are similar; bobcat is much smaller.
- Tracks are shown with shaded area representing impression of hair in the snow.
- Note track size and stride length differences between species.

Sex Determination of Mountain Lion

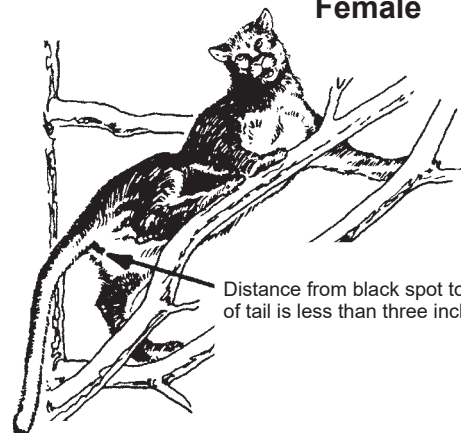
Male adult and subadult lions have a conspicuous black spot, about one inch diameter, surrounding the opening to the penis sheath behind the hind legs and about four to five inches below the base of the tail.



Male

Distance from black spot to base of tail is more than four inches.

Female adult and subadult lions may have black fur surrounding the vulva and located about three inches or less from the base of the tail.



Female

Distance from black spot to base of tail is less than three inches.

Pad Width & Stride Length - potential indicators of sex



< 3.5"

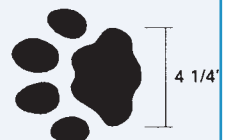
Adult Female

< 40"



> 40"

Adult Male



4 1/4"

2018-2019 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of mountain lion begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. (Do not use times from other sources).



ZONE 1

INCLUDES: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders Counties

Day	Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
01	7:35	7:15	8:19	6:20	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:58	8:01	5:39	7:16	6:21	7:16	8:05
02	7:36	7:13	8:20	6:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	4:59	7:59	5:41	7:14	6:23	7:14	8:06
03	7:38	7:11	8:22	6:17	8:03	4:49	8:21	5:00	7:58	5:42	7:12	6:24	7:12	8:08
04	7:39	7:10	8:23	6:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01	7:57	5:44	7:10	6:26	7:10	8:09
05	7:40	7:08	8:24	6:14	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02	7:55	5:45	7:08	6:27	7:08	8:11
06	7:42	7:06	8:26	6:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03	7:54	5:47	7:07	6:29	7:06	8:12
07	7:43	7:04	8:27	6:11	8:07	4:48	8:20	5:04	7:53	5:48	7:05	6:30	7:04	8:13
08	7:44	7:02	8:29	6:10	8:08	4:47	8:20	5:06	7:51	5:50	7:03	6:32	7:02	8:15
09	7:46	7:00	8:30	6:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:07	7:50	5:51	7:01	6:33	7:00	8:16
10	7:47	6:58	8:32	6:07	8:10	4:47	8:19	5:08	7:48	5:53	7:09	6:34	6:58	8:17
11	7:49	6:56	8:33	6:06	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:09	7:47	5:54	7:07	6:36	6:56	8:19
12	7:50	6:54	8:35	6:05	8:12	4:47	8:19	5:10	7:45	5:56	7:05	6:37	6:54	8:20
13	7:51	6:52	8:36	6:04	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:12	7:44	5:58	7:03	6:39	6:52	8:22
14	7:53	6:51	8:38	6:03	8:14	4:48	8:17	5:13	7:42	5:59	7:01	6:40	6:51	8:23
15	7:54	6:49	8:39	6:02	8:15	4:48	8:17	5:14	7:40	6:01	7:09	6:42	6:49	8:24
16	7:55	6:47	8:41	6:01	8:15	4:48	8:16	5:16	7:39	6:02	7:07	6:43	6:47	8:26
17	7:57	6:45	8:42	6:00	8:16	4:48	8:16	5:17	7:37	6:04	7:05	6:44	6:45	8:27
18	7:58	6:43	8:43	5:59	8:17	4:49	8:15	5:18	7:35	6:05	7:03	6:46	6:43	8:28
19	8:00	6:41	8:45	5:58	8:17	4:49	8:14	5:20	7:34	6:07	7:01	6:47	6:41	8:30
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31	8:17	6:21			8:21	4:57	8:02	5:38			7:17	6:55		

ZONE 2

INCLUDES: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole Counties.

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ZONE 3

INCLUDES: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone Counties

	Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr	
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